

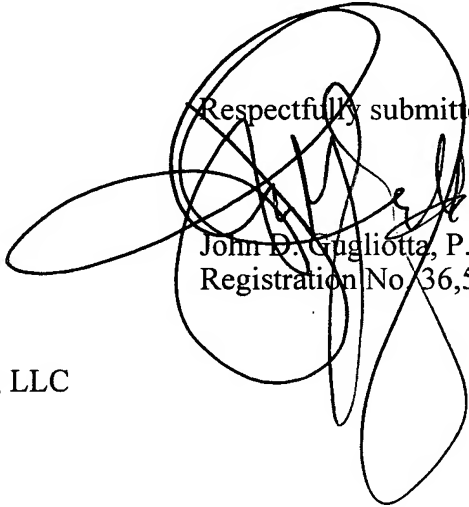
REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Before entry of the present amendment, Claims 1-10 were pending. Claims 1 and 2 were canceled, without prejudice. Claims 3-10 were considered allowable if rewritten in independent form, which has been done. New Claims 11-13 are dependent on these claims as well, and should also be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

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